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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08a Form and the following information.

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. patent applications, which relate to similar subject matter:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/079,241, filed 20 December 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/208,508, filed 30 July 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/227,110, filed 23 August 2002.

In accordance with the Reduction in Paperwork Act, copies of the specifications of the above applications are not attached.

Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following Office Actions issued in a U.S. patent applications listed above:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/079,241, filed 20 December 2002:

- Non-Final Office Action dated 18 June 2003;
- Final Office Action dated 13 April 2004;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 19 October 2005;
- Final Office Action dated 03 November 2006;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 14 January 2008; and

- Final Office Action dated 18 July 2008.

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/208,508, filed 30 July 2002:

- Non-Final Office Action dated 18 November 2004;
- Final Office Action dated 15 June 2005;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 11 September 2006;
- Final Office Action dated 11 October 2007;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 28 January 2008;
- Final Office Action dated 28 July 2008;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 27 January 2009; and
- Final Office Action dated 10 December 2009.

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/227,110, filed 23 August 2002:

- Non-Final Office Action dated 24 March 2006;
- Final Office Action dated 07 December 2006;
- Non-Final Office Action dated 20 August 2008; and
- Final Office Action dated 10 December 2009.

In accordance with the Reduction in Paperwork Act, copies of the Office Actions are not attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each, any, or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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